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SUBJECT: FINAL SESSION, OECD AD HOC COMMITTEE ON
SPECIAL SESSION, MARCH 5-6

1. FINAL SESSION CONSIDERED UNCTAD IV ISSUES LIKELY TO
RISE AT TDB, REPORT OF MEETING AND FURTHER MEETING OF
AD HOC COMMITTEE. UN SEC GEN REQUEST FOR REPORT ON
POLICY CONSTRAINTS BRIEFLY RAISED.

2. CHAIRMAN (TEESE, AUSTRALIA) SUMMARIZED DISCUSSION OF
UNCTAD IV AS FOLLOWS:

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A. FOUR WEEKS IN NAIROBI ACCEPTABLE -- PROBABLY

WAS A VAIN HOPE TO KEEP SHORTER.

B. IN INTEREST GOOD SENSE WE SHOULD SUPPORT LIMITED AGENDA WITHOUT OPTIMISM RE RESULT.

C. GENERAL DEBATE PROBABLY UNAVOIDABLE. IF SERIOUS WORK COULD PROCEED SIMULTANEOUSLY, MIGHT NOT BE SERIOUS LOSS OF TIME.

D. GROUND MUST BE PREPARED IF CONSTRUCTIVE NEGOTIATION TO BE MAXIMIZED, CONFRONTATION MINIMIZED.

3. AGREED THAT REPORT OF AD HOC COMMITTEE MEETING WILL BE BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF MEETING WITH QUOTE PRELIMINARY DRAFT LIST OF SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES...END QUOTE APPENDED. SEE BELOW. EXTENSIVE LIST ENTIRELY BASED ON US AND UK SUGGESTIONS. NETHERLANDS, SWEDEN, FRG, CANADA, UK STATED RELUCTANCE TO GIVE LIST FORMAL STATUS FOR FEAR OF G-77 SUSPICION, FELT THERE SHOULD NOT BE ANY ELABORATING TEXT, AND THAT LIST SHOULD NOT BE PART OF REPORT. BELGIUM AND US POINTED OUT PRELIMINARY, NON-COMMITTAL NATURE. SUGGESTED LIST BE PART OF REPORT AND ON AGENDA ANY SUBSEQUENT MEETING. ALSO POINTED OUT LIST WENT BEYOND TDB AND WAS FOR R&A AND SPECIAL SESSION. COMMITTEE ACQUIESCED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. SEVERAL DELS, E.G., SWISS, BELGIAN, EC, URGED FURTHER MEETING AD HOC COMMITTEE PRIOR JUNE PREP COMMITTEE. SINCE SECRETARIAT INDICATED SCHEDULE CROWDED AND EARLY JUNE DATE TENTATIVE, US SUGGESTED POSSIBLE ALTERNATIVE OF LATE JUNE BEFORE GENEVA ECOSOC. MOST FAVORED EARLY JUNE TO PERMIT COORDINATED INPUT TO PREP COMMITTEE. POSSIBLE DATES JUNE 3 AND 4 IF OTHER OECD ACTIVITY PERMITS, E.G., MINISTERIAL MEETING NOW SCHEDULED FOR MAY 27 AND 28. AGENDA WOULD INCLUDE R AND A, UNGASS, AND TDB XV INCLUDING AGENDA FOR UNCTAD IV. GENERAL DESIRE FOR FURTHER COORDINATION CLEAR. THERE IS TENDENCY OF OECD ATTENDANCE TO BE GENEVA-BASED, UNCTAD-ORIENTED, REPORTING TO ECONOMIC MINISTRIES WHILE UNGA IS NEW YORK-BASED, ECOSOC-ORIENTED, REPORTING TO FOREIGN MINISTRIES. THESE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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COMPLEXITIES SEEM TO PRECLUDE DEGREE OF INDIVIDUAL CONTINUITY WHICH DEVELOPED IN RELATION TO CERDS AND WHICH WAS IMPORTANT ELEMENT. DIFFICULTY ILLUSTRATED BY FACT THOSE MOST ENTHUSIASTIC SUPPORTERS JUNE MEETING WERE GENEVA UNCTAD EXPERTS.

5. SWISS INQUIRED RE REACTIONS TO UN SECGEN'S INQUIRY ON FEBRUARY L4 FOR SUBMISSION RE CONSTRAINTS ON POLICY.

MOST DELS NOT FAMILIAR. U.S. STATED WE PLAN BRIEF
RESPONSE REFERRING TO EXTENSIVE SUBMISSION ON REVIEW AND
APPRAISAL QUESTIONNAIRE AND DECLINING FORESHADOW FUTURE
POLICIES. UK DEL OPINED THEIR RESPONSE WOULD BE LARGELY
REPETITION RESERVATIONS ON PLAN OF ACTION WITH ANY
SOFTENING FOUND POSSIBLE IN REVIEW NOW IN PROCESS. EC
REP STATED COMMISSION VIEWED REQUEST WITH CONSTERNATION
AND WAS REASSURED BY INDICATION OF BREVITY IN US
RESPONSE NOW IN PREPARATION. COMMITTEE AGREED DETAILED
COORDINATION PROBABLY NOT FEASIBLE, ESPECIALLY IN VIEW

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SHORT DEADLINE (MARCH 15).

6. TEXT OF DRAFT LIST OF 24 ISSUES TO BE APPENDED TO
OECD REPORT FOLLOWS: (BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED) QUOTE:

PRELIMINARY DRAFT LIST OF SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES IN RESPECT
TO THE REPORT ON THE MID-TERM REVIEW AND PREPARATIONS FOR
THE SPECIAL SESSION OF THE UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

I. ISSUES IN RESPECT TO THE MID-TERM REVIEW:

A. POSITIVE ACHIEVEMENTS WHICH MIGHT BE STRESSED
IN THE MTR OF THE STRATEGY
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(1) PROGRESS IN IMPROVING THE GSP--THE EEC/ACP
AGREEMENT.

(2) PASSAGE OF THE U.S. TRADE BILL.

(3) THE REVISED DAC TERMS RECOMMENDATION.

(4) RESULTS OF THE WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE.

(5) RESULTS OF THE WORLD POPULATION CONFERENCE.

(6) PROGRESS OF THE UN SPECIAL PROGRAMME TO ASSIST
THE MSA'S.

(7) DEVELOPMENTS CONCERNING FURTHER CONCESSIONARY
FACILITIES IN THE IBRD AND IMF AND ESTABLISHMENT OF THE
NEW DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE.

(I) REVISION OF IMF QUOTAS AND VOTING
RIGHTS.

B. OTHER MATTERS THE R&A REPORT SHOULD INCLUDE

(1) ANALYSIS OF INTERRELATIONSHIP BETWEEN LDC
TRADE AND DC GDP.

(2) IDENTIFICATION OF VARIOUS SUB-GROUPS OF LDC'S
WHICH HAVE NOW EMERGED.

(3) OBSERVATION OF TRENDS OVER A LONGER PERIOD OF
TIME, WITH BENCHMARKS 1960, 1965, 1970, ETC.

(4) ANALYSIS OF CAUSES OF SLOW GROWTH RATES.

(5) SPECIAL EMPHASIS ON AGRICULTURAL SECTOR.

(6) SOCIAL INDICATORS

(I) WHO REPORT ON LIFE EXPECTANCY.

C. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR POSSIBLE AMENDMENTS TO THE
STRATEGY THAT MIGHT BE SUPPORTED

(1) TRIANGULAR DEVELOPMENT ARRANGEMENTS INVOLVING
OPEC CAPITALS AND DC EXPERTISE FOR DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS
IN NON-OIL LDC'S;

(2) SUBSIDIARY DEVELOPMENT TARGETS FOR THE LOWEST
QUARTILE;

(3) ESTABLISHMENT OF A NET BENEFICIAL PRODUCT
CONCEPT;
(4) STRENGTHENING OF THE SECTION OF THE STRATEGY
ON SOCIAL ASPECTS OF DEVELOPMENT;
(5) ADDITION OF ENVIRONMENT;
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(6) AMENDMENTS TO SECTIONS ON FOOD AND POPULATION
IN THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD CONFERENCES ON THESE SUBJECTS.

II. ISSUES OF MAJOR INTEREST TO DEVELOPED COUNTRIES ON
WHICH THE COORDINATION OF VIEWS IN ANTICIPATION OF THE
SPECIAL SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY WOULD BE
PARTICULARLY USEFUL:

(1) COMMODITY TRADE;
(2) FOOD;
(3) TRANSFER OF RESOURCES IN ALL ITS VARIOUS
FORMS;
(4) TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY;
(5) STRUCTURAL REFORM IN THE UN SYSTEM.
END UNCLASSIFIED. END QUOTE.
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